

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted supplementary to the previous Amendment and in connection with the interview with the examiner.

The examiner's highly beneficial cooperation during the interview has been gratefully acknowledged. It was determined that additional clarification of the adjustability of the striking frequency of the striker would be required.

In connection with this, with the present Supplemental Amendment, applicant's have amended Claim 1 to define that the striking frequency of the striker is adjustable by controlling the blocking time of the working element, so that the striking frequency of the striker depends on how long the blocking element blocks the forward motion of the striker.

It is believed that the proposed change to claim 1 will satisfy the examiner's requirement.

Claim 1 should be considered as patently distinguishing over the art and should be allowed.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to discuss appropriate claim language that will place the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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